



Water Quality Coordinating Committee

Department fact sheet

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Statute/Authority

It is an informal Committee that has no statutory or regulatory foundation.

Number of Members

N/A

Number of Members Appointed by the Governor

N/A

Is Senate Confirmation Required?

No

Membership Composition

Representatives of nonprofit organizations, universities and colleges, cities, and businesses, as well as state, federal and local agencies, regularly attend Committee meetings.

Terms

N/A

Political Affiliation

N/A

Compensation

N/A

Geographic Consideration

N/A

Responsibilities of the Commission/Members

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources originally convened the Water Quality Coordinating Committee to deal with animal waste issues, specifically, poultry in southwest Missouri. The Committee's activities were, and continue to be, organized through the Department's Water Protection Program. As a forum for discussion among agencies on that issue, it was readily apparent that the information exchange and coordination opportunities afforded by the committee were valuable far beyond that original issue, and the Committee's scope expanded as needed. A sampling of issues brought before the Committee includes ground water protection, the Missouri River master manual, water quality data collection and management, nonpoint source issues, water quality standards, flood response activities, pesticides, septic tanks, environmental education, sand and gravel mining, and drinking water protection. The Committee meetings are open to the public and the Committee has also been



available for members of the public to address the agencies on specific water quality concerns. Speakers have included, among others, the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Missouri River Communities Network, Novartis, Monsanto and the Scenic Riverways Watershed Partnerships. The Committee may also assist in the coordination and implementation of watershed protection strategies.

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Frequency of Meetings and Location(s)

3rd Tuesday of each month; meetings held Jefferson City on odd numbered months and Columbia on even months.

Time Expended by Commissioners for Meetings and Preparation Thereof

Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. and end around 12:00.

Requirements for Inclusion of Items on Agenda

Submission to Staff Assistant 10 days prior to meeting date.

Public Comment Opportunities at Meetings

Each meeting provides an opportunity for public comments.

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